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SUBJ: BOMB EXPLOSION AT BERN CANTONAL SUPREME COURT BUILDING

1. WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE MILITARY BAND GRENADE WAS EXPLODED AT BERN CANTONAL SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN BERN DURING NIGHT OF JAN 13. TWO OFFICES, AND LIBRARY ON FLOOR ABOVE, WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED; NO PERSONS INJURED. OFFICE OF THE DEPT DISTRICT ATTY, VINZENZ VON STEIGER, WAS TARGET OF ATTACK. DAMAGE WAS DISCOVERED EARLY SAT MORNING JAN 14 AND IS UNDER POLICE INVESTIGATION.

2. LETTERS SENT TO BERN NEWSPAPERS SIGNED "COMMANDO BENNO OHNESORG" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPLOSION. FEDERAL JUSTICE AND POLICE DEPT SPOKESMAN ULRICH HUBACHER TOLD PRESS THERE MUST BE CONNECTION. LETTERS WARNED SWISS AUTHORITIES AGAINST EXTRADITION FOR SUSPICION OF OFFENSES IN WEST GERMANY OF GABRIELE KROECHER-TIEDEMANN AND CHRISTIAN MOELLER WHO ARE UNDER ARREST IN BERN. LETTERS ENDED WITH STATEMENT THAT ATTACK AT BERN COURT IN THIS CASE IS "FIRST DROP OF THE STORM". SAID IF BOTH GERMANS ARE SUBMITTED
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TO TORTURE CHAMBER AS BAD AS IN "GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC-EMPIRE", SWISS AUTHORITIES MUST EXPECT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. LETTERS BORE FRIDAY MORNING JAN 13 10:00 AM BERN POSTMARK. FIRST RADIO REPORTS WERE AT 8:00 AM SATURDAY. HOWEVER, HUBACHER SAID EXISTENCE OF LETTER WAS NOT PUBLICIZED FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS" UNTIL SUNDAY.

3. PRESS REPORTED BENNO OHNESORG (STUDENT) WAS
SHOT DEAD JUN 2, 1967 BY POLICE OFFICER IN BERLIN
AFTER DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SHAH OF IRAN. HIS
DEATH RESULTED IN VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS.
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